

STATE CONTRACTORS' BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST SEVEN CONTRACTORS

LAS VEGAS, NV – At its meeting March 21, 2001, the Nevada State Contractors' Board adjudicated cases against seven licensed contractors.

Southwest Resources, license number 45934 (General Engineering) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for misrepresenting a material fact by submitting false reference certificates; failure to comply with a court order issued pursuant to NRS 425.540; failure to establish financial responsibility; committing a fraudulent or deceitful act; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and failure to notify the board of a change of address. The Board revoked the license of Southwest Resources and the licensee was assessed the cost of the investigation.

Weathers Construction, license number 47152 (Residential & Small Commercial) based out of N Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for substandard workmanship; willful departure from plans or specifications; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The Board revoked the license of Weathers Construction and the licensee was assessed the cost of the investigation.

Bishop Paving, license number 42843 (Paving of Streets, Driveways and Parking Lots), based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to include his license number and monetary limit on a contract; and acting in the capacity of a contractor under a name other than the name set forth on the license. The Board revoked the license of Bishop Paving and the licensee was assessed the cost of the investigation.

Landgraphics Inc., license number 38139 (Landscape and Irrigation), based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for failure to pay for materials and services. The licensee was assessed the cost of the investigation and a one year letter of reprimand will be placed in licensee's file.

Kolob Heating and Cooling, license number 39996 (Refrigeration; Air Conditioning and Maintenance) and **Kolob Plumbing**, license number 47897 (Plumbing; Pipes and Vents for Gas and Water Heaters) based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for failure to pay for materials and services and failure to establish financial responsibility. The Board suspended Kolob Heating and Cooling and Kolob Plumbing's licenses pending receipt of an updated financial statement.

A. E. E. Cement Contractor, license number 36573 (Concrete Pouring) based out of North Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of substandard workmanship. A one year letter of reprimand will be placed in licensee's file. The licensee was assessed investigative costs of \$1,000.

Blue Bird Pools, Inc., License No. 27119 (Commercial and Residential Pools) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada . The licensee was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to include his license number and monetary limit on a contract; failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations concerning contract provisions for the construction of residential pools and spas; failure to provide information to a homeowner concerning liens, description of work, materials to be used, the equipment to be installed, the agreed consideration for the work and the estimated date of completion. The board fined Blue Bird Pools \$2,100 and assessed the cost of the investigation.

The Nevada State Contractors Board offers the following helpful tips for consumers when dealing with contractors:

10 TIPS FOR MAKING SURE YOUR CONTRACTOR IS ON THE LEVEL

1. Hire only licensed contractors.
2. Check the contractor's license number by calling 1-702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 1-775-688-1141 in northern Nevada or doing a License Check by visiting our website at: www.state.nv.us/nscb/.
3. Get three references, and review past work.
4. Get at least three bids.
5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
6. Pay 10% down or \$1000, whichever is less if a deposit is required.
7. Don't let payments get ahead of work. Keep records of payments.
8. Don't make the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.

9. Don't pay cash.

10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.

The Nevada State Contractors' Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors' Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

The Board will convene next in Reno, NV on April 10, 2001.